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To the DOJ,

I am not an employee, nor a competitor of Microsoft. I have no interest in software other than as a consumer. The following is my comments regarding the settlement with Microsoft.

Do believe Microsoft should be penalized for their behavior. The agreement should include Microsoft being regulated by the FTC (Federal Trade Commission). This would be the proper agency to enforce penalties.

Do not want Microsoft broken up. This never made sense legally.

Do want Microsoft Operating Systems to allow easy installation of competitor products. Before releasing new or revised operating system, require Microsoft to release copies of new software 60 days prior to release to other software companies to test compatibility with their products. Microsoft will have to make the operating system compatible or ?dll? conflict free. This will keep a level laying field.

Microsoft Office, Net and Future products also need a level field with interacting products. A similar 60 day industry pre-release needs to be part of the settlement.

Next require Microsoft to adopt suggested retail pricing, and let the market price their products. This system has worked for automobiles and other technology. The competition will drive down prices for consumers.

A fine would be appropriate to cover the expense of the court case.

However I am against excessive fees. They drive down stock prices and set unreasonable standards for civil judgments. \$5 million as a fine would be excessive in my judgment.

This concludes my comments about penalties for Microsoft. I appreciate your taking the public comment into consideration. If any of these comments are unclear, please email me at [problemsolver@eyecrime.com](mailto:problemsolver@eyecrime.com) or call 949-380-1250.

Thank you,

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